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Helping out troubled teens



■ THE Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth Kevin and Anne Brookes turned out on Christmas morning to support the brave charity swimmers making the dash across the harbour - see pages 8 & 9

Trevor Bevins
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A CHARITY is appealing for Dorset hosts to help make a new life in the New Year for young people who are suffering a hard time. The charity, Step by Step, helps find homes for 16-21 year-olds through its Supported Lodgings Scheme.

Local hosts are from all walks of life who share two main things in common – they have at least one spare room and want to help a young person experiencing hard times, have a brighter future.

Local organiser Bronagh Fahey said: "Hosts make extraordinary things happen, by providing accommodation, support and guidance to young people as they grow into young adults."

She is looking for paid hosts across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland who can offer a room to a young person.

"Some young people have been

forced to leave home due to family problems. Others have been in care, and they find themselves struggling to cope alone. Step by Step and its team of hosts bridge the gap between home, or being in care, and living independently in the community."

Hosts offer not only a home but can offer help to young people to improve their everyday living skills, such as cooking, budgeting and cleaning.

Said Bronagh: "In successfully becoming a host, Step by Step will match you to a young person who would fit in with your family and lifestyle. You will have the opportunity to meet the young person before they move in. Both you and the young person will have your own support worker as well as 24-hour help and support."

Step by Step also offers full training and has approved young couples, single parents, small families, big families and older people.

To get involved or find out more about supported lodgings, contact Bronagh Fahey on 07702872992, e-mail bronagh.fahey@stepbystep.org.uk or visit the website www.stepbystep.org.uk

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Call for an awareness day over the amount of plastic in the sea

WEYMOUTH man Patrick Howie has launched an online petition lobbying the Government to create a national awareness day on the amount of plastic in the sea.

Mr Howie, who regularly swims in the sea, said: "There's something umbilical about the sea: a sense of closeness, the sound, the colours, the beaches, bird and marine life, living nature.

"As I swim along I see fish, crabs and different shells, sometimes a lobster and sometimes giant jellyfish.

"Then I see lost footballs floating away which I sometimes manage to rescue. Then I see the debris: the cans and crisp packets, the glass

and the plastic.

"Boy, so much plastic - bags, bottles, straws, buds, string, containers - so much, every day.

"The experts say that within a few years, unless we change, there will be more plastic in the sea than marine life! And it's getting into our food chain; tiny particles appearing in our sea food. From land to sea and back again, maybe we're the ones committing suicide?"

Mr Howie continued: "My idea is to get the Government to create a national awareness day specifically against plastic in the sea. There is no such dDay at the moment and it would be great if Britain were the first.

"We have great historical and cultural links

to the sea - let's protect it.

"A Government created day (or weekend) on which all organisations can focus, increasing the sum of the parts. An annual reminder around which organisations collaborate, for example why not a cordon of sea protection festivals around the coastal counties and working harbours? Family, educational, fun, fish and sea orientated?"

Patrick's petition needs 100,000 signatures by April for it to be considered for debate in Parliament.

To sign up, visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/202198>

Artists wanted for seaside improvement projects

COULD you stop people littering Dorset's beautiful coastline? Or maybe you've got creative ideas about how to regenerate seaside parts of Poole.

Artists are wanted for high-profile projects working on two of Dorset Coastal Connections' initiatives. The first opportunity involves finding ways to improve Shore Road Beach and Branksome Chine and pays an artist fee of £9,000. The second seeks ideas for how to change people's behaviour and stop them littering our lovely beaches. It pays an artist fee of £7,000, plus a materials budget of £2,000.

Both projects recognise the importance of the artists, who will have a creative input from the beginning. They will be working as part of a cross-disciplinary team.

The anti-litter project is being led by Litter Free Coast and Sea working with the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Food and Drink programme. It focuses on Bournemouth, Weymouth, West Bay and Lyme Regis.

Litter Free Coast and Sea aims to reduce marine and beach litter, and improve bathing water quality along the Dorset coast. We have some of the cleanest beaches and best bathing water quality in the country. Litter Free Coast and Sea would like to help keep it that way and make our beaches even better. Can you help?

Both these projects are part of the wider Dorset Coastal Connections portfolio of 18 projects funded by the Coastal Community Fund and coordinated by the Dorset Coast Forum, who are working collaboratively with The Arts Development Company and the individual project teams.

Deadline for the Poole regeneration project is January 8th. Litter Free Dorset deadline is January 19th. See The Arts Development Company's website for more details: www.theartsdevelopmentcompany.org.uk



DON'T FEED THE GULLS: Fish and chips is part of the fun of the seaside, but the litter it creates needs to be disposed carefully



Weldmar Snowdrop Services

WELDMAR Hospicecare is holding nine Snowdrop Services throughout the county in February.

The charity's Snowdrop Gardens and Walks were established to provide a lasting memorial to those who were dear to the bereaved.

The services are held in late winter when snowdrops first appear, reminding people that the hope and warmth of spring are not far away.

The nine Snowdrop Services of Remembrance in 2018 are:

Bridport St Mary's Church on Thursday 1st February at 11am

Sherborne, Sherborne Abbey on Friday 2nd February at 11am

Gillingham, The Cemetery Gardens on Saturday 3rd February at 11am

Stalbridge, The Pound Gardens on Sunday 4th February 3pm

Beaminster, St Mary's Church on Tuesday 6th February at 11am

Lyme Regis, St Michael the Archangel on Wednesday 7th February at 2.30pm

Sturminster Newton, The Railway Gardens on Monday 12th February at 11.30am

Shaftesbury, Bell Street United Church on Monday 12th February at 3pm

Blandford, St Peter's & St Paul's Church on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30pm

All are welcome to attend these services.

If you wish, snowdrops may be planted in memory of your loved one, and their name included in the Snowdrop Memorial book which is kept in each location. Weldmar ask for a donation of £10 to cover costs; this donation would be acknowledged by a commemorative card.

For more information call Weldmar's Bereavement Services on 01305 215300.

28 charged during Christmas driving campaign

A FURTHER nine people have been charged with drink or drug driving offences as part of Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign.

They are due to appear at court in Poole and Weymouth this month.

The campaign ran from Friday, December 1st through to Monday, January 1st. A total of 28 people have been charged with offences during the campaign.

Throughout the month-long operation, officers requested breath tests from all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not they suspected a drink driving offence.

Drivers could expect to be tested during routine stop checks and if they were stopped for an offence. Drugwipe sample kits were used on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs.

Traffic collision

OFFICERS are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a road traffic collision in Weymouth.

At 10.50am on Thursday, December 28th, Dorset Police were called to reports of a collision on Avenue Road near to the junction with Walpole Street involving a black Audi A3 and a cyclist.

The cyclist, a 55-year-old Weymouth man, sustained serious leg injuries and was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment.

A 45-year-old Weymouth man was arrested on suspicion of driving offences and has been released under investigation.

Police Constable Sean Ford, of Weymouth police, said: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision or the driving of either the car or the cyclist immediately prior to the incident to please contact Dorset Police.

"I would also like to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time and may have dashcam footage that would assist with my investigation."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting incident number 28:98. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Officer assault

A MAN who assaulted a detainee custody officer and fellow inmate at the Verne Immigration Removal Centre on Portland has been jailed for 12 months.

Shuaib Hagi, 20, pleaded guilty to assault and was sentenced at Bournemouth Crown Court on December 15th.

Police Sergeant Adie Wyncoll, of Dorset Police' Prison Crime Investigation Team, said: "Dorset Police works very hard to tackle violent and disruptive behaviour in custodial facilities.

"I hope this case sends a clear message that offending in detention will not go unpunished."

Lifeboat launched to support cargo vessel in gale force winds

WEYMOUTH RNLI lifeboat was launched on New Year's Eve to go to the assistance of the 1,662 ton, 82-metre cargo vessel, Pilsum, which had suffered engine failure.

The boat was on passage to Truro when she suffered engine failure off of Portland Bill in the afternoon. The lifeboat stood by the vessel, which had drifted to the East near to Kimmeridge Bay in the near gale force winds and rough seas until a tug, the Kingston was on scene to take the Pilsum in tow.

Swanage lifeboat was launched to take over from Weymouth lifeboat and continue escort duties from St Albans Head into Swanage Bay.

Weymouth lifeboat was released and returned back to Weymouth at 10.30pm.

• A WEEK earlier, on Christmas morning the Mayor and Mayoress Kevin and Anne Brookes had dropped into the Weymouth lifeboat station to meet the crew and their families.

Cllr Brookes called into the lifeboat station

Police investigate two fatal collisions

TWO fatal collisions took place in the Dorchester area in the period between Christmas and New Year.

Officers have launched a direct plea to the driver of the vehicle that killed a woman in Dorchester to do the right thing and come forward.

Police were called at 7.46pm on Wednesday, December 27th, to reports of a collision between a pedestrian and a car on The Grove.

The 39-year-old female pedestrian from Dorchester was taken to Dorset County Hospital, but she sadly died from the injuries sustained. Her family are being supported by specially-trained officers.

A 24-year-old man from Dorchester, 36-year-old man from Piddlehinton and a 43-year-old man from Bristol were arrested in relation to the incident and have since been released without charge.

Inspector Joe Pardey, of Dorset Police's traffic unit, said: "We have made large-scale enquiries into the incident and based on the information immediately available at the time, three people were arrested in connection with the collision.

"Following further enquiries, it has been established that their vehicles were not involved in the incident and they have been released without charge.

"I am making a direct plea to the driver of the vehicle that collided with the victim to please do the right thing and come forward. A family have been left grieving over the loss of their loved one and are desperate for answers.

"We now believe that the vehicle responsible had travelled down the hill on The Grove and away from Dorchester town centre.

"I would urge anyone with information about the incident, however small, to please contact Dorset Police.

"If you were driving through Dorchester between 7pm and 8pm on Wednesday evening, did you see any vehicles acting suspiciously or do

you have any dashcam footage that could assist with the investigation?

"Our specially-trained officers continue to support the woman's family at this very difficult time."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email SCIT@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting incident number 28:354. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

• A second collision, also on Wednesday, December 27th occurred to the west of Winterbourne Abbas just before 3.30pm between a blue Ford Fiesta and a red Volkswagen High Up.

The 95-year-old male driver of the Volkswagen was pronounced dead at the scene. An 87-year-old female passenger sustained life-threatening injuries and was taken to Dorset County Hospital. They were both from the Wimborne area.

The 70-year-old driver of the Fiesta from Lyme Regis was taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment to injuries not believed to be life-threatening.

Road closures were put in place on the A35 between Dorchester and Bridport. The road reopened at around 9.20pm.

Police Inspector Joe Pardey, of the traffic unit, said: "My thoughts are with the families of those involved in what is a very difficult time.

"I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the collision or the driving of either vehicle immediately prior to the incident to please contact Dorset Police."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email SCIT@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting incident number 27:240. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Portland Coastal Marathon

ENTRIES are being invited for February's Portland Coastal Marathon.

The event starts from the National Sailing Centre on February 4th offering runners a full marathon, half marathon or 10km run.

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prior to the swim across the harbour to pass on his best wishes to the volunteer crew members. This year he was joined in the swim by lifeboat crew members Stef Driver, Alice Higgins, Jules Hutchings and Nick Newman.



■ THE Mayor and Mayoress with lifeboat crew members and their families

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THE clinic team celebrate the first birthday of the Perinatal Mental Health Antenatal Clinic

First birthday for new mums' support team

DORSET County Hospital has celebrated the first birthday of its specialist clinic to support the mental health needs of mums-to-be.

The Perinatal Mental Health Antenatal Clinic enables women who require support to see the right professionals through their pregnancy, and then plan postnatal care. The team includes a consultant perinatal psychiatrist and obstetrician, mental health practitioners and specialist midwives.

The clinic works closely with West Dorset PANDAS, a local support group for mums affected by anxiety and depression in pregnancy or after their baby is born, who tell mums 'it's ok not to be ok'.

Audrey Ryan, consultant obstetrician and gy-

naecologist said: "We know that in pregnancy the mind changes as well as the body. For some women this can mean that whilst they may be really looking forward to their new baby, they are also struggling with their mental health."

"Society expects us all to be 'blooming', but providing good mental health care in pregnancy is important because mental health doesn't automatically improve when a baby is on the way."

"We were thrilled that Munchkins Play Café in Dorchester gave us the use of their party space upstairs to celebrate. We invited mums who have used the service and one said 'it made such a difference'."

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Buttons workshops

HARDY'S Birthplace Visitor Centre will be hosting the very popular Dorset Button workshops again in 2018 with Anna McDowell BEM from Henrys Buttons. Anna's aim is to keep the heritage craft of the Dorset Buttons industry alive by sharing her passion and skills with attendees as well as attending shows and festivals across the county.

Anna said: "My Dorset Buttons are worked in the traditional way using contemporary materials and designs. The feedback I have received from the workshops is so positive that it spurs me on to offer more."

Annas skills are used outside of the county too, with commissions for films such as Far from the Madding Crowd and working with Living History Groups, including Hampton Court Palace.

Beginners and advanced workshops are available starting on January 15th with a beginners class. The other dates are February 5th for advanced, February 26th beginners and March 26th advanced.

Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre is at Higher Bockhampton, near Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8QJ. Classes take place from 10am to 12.30pm and cost £15 plus £1 for materials.

Booking is essential - contact 01305 251228 or hardysbirthplace@dorsetcc.gov.uk

U3A group fayre

DORCHESTER and District U3A is holding a group fayre to demonstrate the activities of some of its 50 groups - which range from archaeology to yoga.

The event is being held on Monday, January 8th, at the Trinity Parish Hall, Culliford Road, Dorchester DT1 1QG from 10 to 11.45am. Admission is £1 and includes tea and coffee served all morning.

Those interested in joining the U3A with a view to consolidating or expanding their areas of interest are welcome to come along and find out what is available.



Magna staff provide a boost for four charities

STAFF from local housing provider, Magna Housing, have donated a total of £850 to local charities, thanks to funds raised from their monthly lottery.

Magna's Employee Lottery, MEL, as it is referred to by staff, is run internally every month, giving staff a chance to win money and raise cash for charities of their choice.

Members of MEL recently nominated the charities they would most like to benefit from the money raised over the last year. As a result of the nominations, four local charities have each received a donation from MEL. Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance received £400.

Naomi's Hospice and Jacksplace, The Joseph Weld Hospice and Dorset Mind each received £150. Gail Everett and Lin Reed, pictured above, collected the donation on behalf of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and also picked the lucky winning numbers for the MEL Christ-

mas draw.

Lara Battersby, communications assistant for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, said: "We would like to thank members of MEL for nominating the charity to benefit from this fantastic fundraising initiative. Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance receives no direct funding from the Government or the National Lottery and relies on the generosity of the public for support. Our operational costs are over £2.5 million a year so we are grateful to receive support from initiatives such as this."

Elaine Crooke, head of policy, governance and research and MEL chair at Magna, said: "It's great to have been able to help four local charities using the MEL funds that have been raised. Our employee lottery has been a successful way for staff to have the chance to win one of three prizes per month and raise money for charity at the same time."

Coach company raises £2,000 for hospital

COACH tour operator Crossways Travel, based near Dorchester, chose the Friends of Dorset County Hospital as their charity of the year for 2017.

During their annual Christmas party staff from Crossways Travel were delighted to present a cheque for £2,000 to the charity.

The money raised will go towards the much-needed new radiography unit for the hospital.

Kadi Crocker, owner of Crossways Travel said she was delighted with the amount raised this year for the charity and is now starting the planning for 2018's charity of the year which will be the Dorset Blind Association. Kadi said she would like to thank all the people who helped to make the donation possible.



■ STAFF from Crossways Travel present their charity of the year cheque to the Friends of Dorset County Hospital

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Nominate your hero

THE end of this week is the closing date to nominate Weymouth and Portland's 'unsung heroes' - those who volunteer their time to help others.

The closing date for the Borough Council's annual Good Citizens Award is January 5th. It includes a category for under 18s.

Nomination forms are available online via the Dorset For You website or from the council offices in Commercial Road.

Village defibrillator

A LIFE-saving machine has been installed at Owermoigne Village Hall with a training session being held towards the end of the month.

The defibrillator has been put in place after the parish council found funding for the machine.

Although the machine itself gives operators instructions on what to do in the event of a heart attack an awareness session is being held for those interested on January 27th at 10.30am in the village hall, run by ambulance staff.

Further information is available from Tony Wormold on 01305 851972

Gift from Mayor's fund

THE Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Cllr Kevin Brookes has donated £100 to the South West Dorset Talking Newspaper from his Christmas fund.

His appeal, run in partnership with the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, is shared between a number of local good causes.

Organisations are invited to apply for a share of the funds via the Mayor's office at the Borough Council.

Singers wanted

THE Waterside Singers, based in Weymouth's Park district, are looking for new members.

The community singing group meets weekly at the Community Centre in Chelmsford Street with the next meeting due to take place next Monday, January 8th from 2.15pm.

Freemasons provide the funds to save the Herbert collection

DORSET Freemasons have given more than £4,300 to save an historic photo collection at the Dorset History Centre.

The Dorset Archive Trust has been trying to save the "Herbert Collection" of images showing 20th century life in Dorset. When Richard Merritt, leader of Dorset's Freemasons, heard about the project to save the pictures, he stepped in to help.

Vinegar syndrome, an irreversible breakdown of the acetate, has been destroying the negatives. To save this fascinating insight into the county's history the Dorset Archive Trust needed to act quickly. Dorset Freemasons visited the archives and presented a cheque to allow the charitable foundation to complete the digitisation all the images.

During 2017, the 300th anniversary of the first Masonic Grand Lodge, Dorset Masons have held regular celebrations across Dorset, usually with a charitable focus. Richard Merritt said "We are delighted to provide some extra funding for this project. As Freemasons, we believe in playing a key role in our communities and give time and money to charitable ventures regularly."

Sam Johnson, the County Archivist said: "I just wanted to thank the Freemasons for the very generous support offered to the Herbert photographic project. The donation has made all the difference and means that we can now finish the job."

The Herbert Collection is the work of Graham Herbert, a professional Weymouth photographer. Herbert captured many aspects of local life during the 1950s, 60s and 70s.



RICHARD Merritt, Provincial Grand Master of Dorset Freemasonry presents the cheque to Sara Loch, Trustee of the Dorset Archive Trust, with Cassandra Pickavance, archivist at the Dorset History Centre

Future of Portland

CONSULTATION meetings about a Portland Neighbourhood Plan are being held in the coming days.

The plan, if approved, could shape future developments on Portland for years to come.

It will suggest where new homes and business could be allowed, or even encouraged, and which areas ought to be protected.

Ideas are also being put forward for education, public transport, community facilities and tourism.

The process is being led by Portland Town Council which is working in collaboration with other organisations.

The next public consultation event will be held this Friday, January 5th, from 11am until 2pm at the Chesil Beach Centre.

On Monday 8th there will be another session from 10am until 1pm at St John's Hall; on Tuesday 9th from 3-5pm at the Osprey Leisure Centre; on Thursday 11th from 11am until 2pm at the Chesil Beach Centre and finally, on Friday January 12th from 5-7pm at Outpost, Fortuneswell.

Comments and suggestions made at the consultations will be collated and considered with a further consultation on any proposals made later in the year.

Portland camera club

PORLAND Camera Club is inviting prospective members to join them for their first meeting of the year.

It is being held next Wednesday, January 10th, in the Peter Trim Hall, when club members will enjoy a competition - "Sunrise & Sunset" to be judged by Sid Jones.

Club meetings are held on alternate Wednesday evenings usually from 7:30pm, lasting until around 9:30pm. The majority of the indoor meetings are held at the Peter Trim Hall, St. Georges Centre, Reforme.

Further information about the club can be found at its website - <http://www.portland-cameraclub.com/Index.html>

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Portland super slimmer loses 9½ stone



■ MARIA Sutherland before joining the Portland Slimming World group and, right, dressed for her daughter's wedding after losing nine and a half stone



ON the first day that Maria Sutherland walked through the doors of the Portland Slimming World group she was on crutches, as she couldn't walk unaided due to severe back and knee problems, and she couldn't speak clearly for a while due to being out of breath. In addition to her back and knee problems she had COPD, diabetes and high blood pressure.

All these health problems had made Maria decide she needed to do something about the one thing that was impacting on a lot of these symptoms - her weight. The other goal in Maria's mind was her daughter's wedding in August 2017 as she wanted to be able to look back at the wedding photos with pride.

"Maria had so much to tackle that many people in her position would have felt it was an impossible challenge to overcome," said Sue Glenn, Portland group's Slimming World consultant. "But she embraced everything from the eating plan to group support and activity. She discovered that with a bit of planning and commitment she didn't have to do without delicious meals and feel deprived.

"If you ask Maria about the key to succeeding in weight loss she'll say it was staying and getting the support of the group. A group of like-minded people who understand and don't judge you and will always pick you up when it gets tough.

"Maria turned her life around from that first day and is no longer on any medication. She went on to lose 9½ stone and wore a beautiful outfit to her daughter's wedding and felt proud and happy to stand alongside her daughter and family for photos, the camera being something she had always previously

Common sense with money 3

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don't do the Lottery. How often are you asked to spend money when you really don't want to?

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■ MUTUAL SUPPORT: Left to right, back, Shirley, Angela, Mel, Pearl, Chris, Pauline and Gina. Seated, Gabrielle, Perwina and Margaret

A helping hand from Weldmar

A GROUP of people who lost loved-ones around the same time in 2012 are still meeting up five years after forging strong friendships.

The 11-strong group, aged from their 40s to their 80s, met through attending coffee mornings and counselling, carers' and art therapy groups, at Weldmar Hospicecare.

They include three mother and daughter pairs, but just one man - Chris Bagley.

Angela Strudwick from Chideock said: "We spend a lot of time cuddling each other and eating cake. These days we go to all sorts of places, we're like a family. It's like coming home".

Melanie Gale, who attends with mum Shirley Churchill, said: "I really got involved with Weldmar because they supported my two children so well after both of their grandads died".

Shirley said: "Mel lost her father-in-law just

three months after her dad died".

Gabrielle Markes from Dorchester said: "I like the informality, the shared experiences and the companionship. We have a laugh."

Her daughter, Perwina Whitmore, said: "Over the years we've got very relaxed in each other's company; we've got to know each other well."

Weldmar Hospicecare is a charity that provides end of life care for people living in Dorset who need specialist support. This care also extends to the family and loved ones of patients, which includes both pre and post-bereavement support such as the support given to this group.

The NHS contributes around 25 per cent of the costs to run Weldmar. Which means the charity has to raise over £10,000 per day in order to provide its outstanding services across Dorset.



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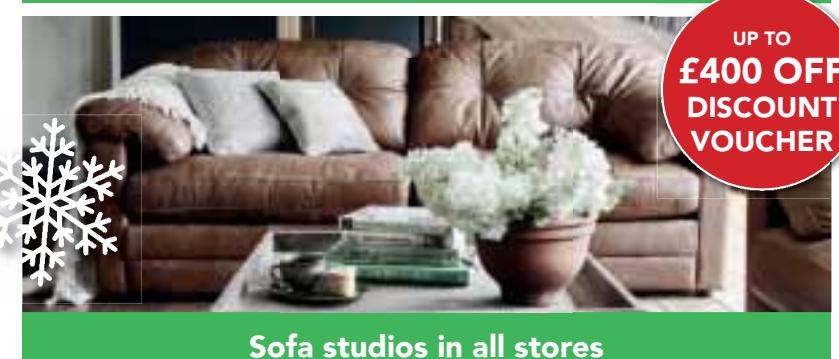
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Hospital pilots pioneering operating technique

DORSET County Hospital has been chosen as one of five pilot training sites for an enhanced operating technique for patients with rectal cancer.

Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (TaTME) is a different approach to an existing operation, using a keyhole technique to operate on patients with rectal cancer, reducing the length of the surgery and potentially improving cancer survival rates for patients.

The technique has been used by pioneering surgeons since 2010. Under a new training programme organised by the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) these surgeons are now training others in the technique.

The ACPGBI, the body who govern colorectal surgery, is keen that the introduction of this procedure should be carefully planned and that

surgeons should be well trained to ensure the best possible results for patients. The ACPGBI asked for applications from hospitals that wanted to be pilot training sites. Of the 29 hospitals expressing interest, five were successful, including Dorset County Hospital.

The application comprised submission of evidence on the surgical experience of the team and managerial support for the programme, and two unedited videos of laparoscopic (keyhole) low anterior resection operations, performed by Mr Anjay Talwar and Mr Paul Ng, Consultant Laparoscopic General and Colorectal Surgeons at the hospital.

These videos were scrutinised by a panel of TaTME experts, who then graded the quality of the surgery.

Mr Talwar said: "We are very proud that the ACPGBI have recognised the excellent work we are already performing at the hospital in relation to rectal cancer operations, and we are excited to be bringing this pioneering procedure to our patients."

"The team has already attended a two day 'skills lab' training session, and under the pilot training programme we will have clinical mentorship throughout the initial cases and will submit data on our clinical results to the ACPGBI."

The hospital has thanked the Friends of Dorset County Hospital who have recognised the importance of this programme and donated over £27,000 to fund two pieces of equipment that experts regard as essential to this form of surgery.



Consultation over whether to raise the police precept on council tax

FOLLOWING an announcement from the Policing Minister on the level of funding that will be made available to policing in 2018/19, PCC Martyn Underhill said: "I am disappointed that the Government did not provide any additional finances for Dorset in next year's police grant settlement. Like forces nationally, I have worked closely with Dorset Police to deliver substantial efficiency savings of £37.3m since 2010/11."

"As we look ahead, Dorset Police expects to have to make further substantial savings, while the genuine rise in crime being seen nationally shows no signs of abating. We have already had to make a number of incredibly tough decisions and this settlement does us all

a disservice."

"Like other PCCs, I therefore have no choice but to ask whether residents are prepared to plug the hole left by the core funding settlement in order to protect frontline policing. While I welcome the ability to provide more funding for an overstretched police service, I am taking this matter to public consultation with a heavy heart."

Throughout this year's consultation, the Commissioner will be asking whether residents are prepared to pay an additional £1 per month to support policing in Dorset. Visit www.dorsetpoliceprecept.com to have your say.

Fill out children's services survey for chance to win £50 voucher

PARENTS and carers have until January 14th to complete a survey about support for families and enter a draw to win a £50 voucher.

Dorset County Council has a duty to make sure there are plenty of services available to help families during the early years of childhood, even though many of these are provided in partnership or by other organisations.

This includes information, advice and support around health, money and parenting, as well as local childcare, fun activities and children's centres.

The county council is reviewing how it provides support for people with children aged 0-5 and wants to find out what's important to families and where they go for help.

Cllr Steve Butler, Cabinet member for safeguarding at Dorset County Council, said: "It's well known that the first few years of a child's life are incredibly important. We also know

that while it's a fun and exciting time, it can also be difficult for some families. We want to understand more about where people go for support and what's important to them, so we can continue to make sure the right help is available."

Parents and carers who complete the questionnaire can choose to be entered into a draw to win a £50 high street voucher. Cllr Butler added: "We would like as many parents and carers as possible to complete the survey, to help us plan how we support families in the future."

Professionals, organisations and local groups working with children can also give their feedback.

The survey can be completed at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/0-5survey or via a computer at a local library or children's centre.

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What's your New Year's resolution?

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Drink Water Instead



- Caffeine is a psychoactive drug: it's also in tea, cola and even some 'healthy' foods
- A bottle of wine has over 650 Calories
- More than 50% of the population drink too much alcohol or caffeine

TOP TIP: Replace two drinks of tea, coffee, cola or booze with two glasses of water.

Buy ingredients not meals

- Processed foods often have high levels of sugars, sweeteners and fat
- Seasonal vegetables have higher levels of vitamins and taste better
- Fresh, local products have a lower carbon footprint and more nutrition

TOP TIP: Cook meals in bulk – freeze the extra and microwave them for convenience food that's healthy.

Walk to Wherever

- 100 years ago, we walked over 10 miles a day, doctors say we should still walk 5

- Walking is good for your heart, lungs, digestions and bones
- Walking is much better for the environment than cars

TOP TIP: Drive less, walk more and take a stroll twice a week.

Lose Weight

- Two-thirds of UK adults are overweight; half of these are obese
- If you're overweight, you are at risk of dozens of health complications
- If you burn more Calories than you eat you WILL lose weight

TOP TIP: Aim to lose 3kg a month until your BMI is down to 23 kg/m²

Sleep Soundly

- Adults need between seven and eight hours sleep EVERY night
- Lack of sleep makes you at risk of everything from the common cold to heart attacks
- 20% of car accidents are attributed to lack of sleep

TOP TIP: Switch off electronic devices 40 minutes before a regular bedtime and do something relaxing instead.

Find out more at #5stepping via www.yeovilchiropractic.co.uk

Anyone with underlying health problems should seek the advice of a healthcare professional before undertaking the lifestyle changes suggested.

Bridport Leisure Centre

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WILL YOU be joining the 21% of Brits making New Year vows this January? Of all the resolutions made, over half will be health and fitness related- and for good reason. You can add quality years to your life by making proper nutrition and exercise a lifestyle rather than something done sporadically. However, sticking to those resolutions can be no easy task. We have some tips for helping you succeed and reach your goals, however big or small, for 2018.

One of the most common reasons for failure is down to lack of motivation. It is essential then to choose an exercise that you enjoy. We have a huge variety of fitness classes and courses to choose from, including some exciting new ones for 2018. There really is something to suit all abilities and tastes.

Another way to remain motivated throughout the year is to hire a Personal Trainer. They can provide the extra push needed to keep you on track, and won't accept any excuses! We offer one-to-one PT sessions or, new for 2018, Small Group Training classes are the perfect happy medium between personal training and a

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Most importantly- keep in mind that results will come over time, not overnight, so try not to feel disheartened if you don't see a difference straight away. Be flexible and open to change- don't be afraid to try something new and mix up your workouts to keep that motivation running all the way into 2018 and beyond!

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NEW YEAR New You

What's your New Year's resolution?

Richard Cawte Hypnotherapy

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Hypnotherapy is a brilliant way to not only lose weight but make sure those unwanted pounds stay off! And the good news is that Clinical Hypnotherapist Richard Cawte is offering a £15 discount for all new clients during January only.

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To find out more about how clinical hypnosis can help you to lose and then manage your weight, call Richard on 07894 541796 for a FREE initial consultation. Or come to one of his introductory evenings at the Axminster Wellbeing Centre.

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NEW YEAR New You

What's your New Year's resolution?

Dave Cumber Vets

Fat 2 Fit - Keeping Fit with your Dog in 2018

HOW MANY of us start the new year with a fresh gym membership, new exercise bike or personal training sessions? These can help keep us fit, but sometimes we lack motivation and this is where your beloved pet could help. Exercising with dogs is one of the best ways of improving your health and well-being as well as that of your dog.

It's not just we humans that are getting fatter, statistics show that up to 60% of dogs and cats in the UK are clinically obese. It's not rocket science; we all know this stuff – too much food & too little exercise. And we all know the possible consequences for people & pets: Diabetes Mellitus, orthopaedic disease, heart disease, respiratory distress, high blood pressure and cancers. Let's face it; it's not much fun when every move you make leaves you breathless and exhausted. Your pet relies on you to make the best decisions for their health and well-being so why not get fitter together.

Here are 10 top tips to help you and your furry friend get the New Year off to a happier, healthier start

1. Get advice: many vets have free weight clinics. These are often run by nurses who will help set an appropriate goal weight for your pet and give you advice & support on how to achieve it

2. Be aware: risk factors for obesity include: age, certain breeds, being female, neutering and having an overweight owner – this is an actual fact.

3. Portion size: this applies to pets as much as people. There is a natural tendency for portion

size to creep upwards, so weigh your pet's food and mark your scoop so that you give the correct amount at every meal

4. Tit-bits and treats: snacks between meals make your pet fat – don't do it, it's not fair to them. If you give treats as a reward, keep them small and limit the number per day.

5. Walking: surveys have shown that 1 in 4 people admit to NEVER taking their dog for a walk. Start gently and build up to 30-60 minutes a day. It's great exercise for you and your pooch and it's a great de-stresser

6. Play: You are your dog's best friend and playmate – so play! Run around, get your pet to chase you, play hide and seek or play catch with a ball. Dogs get bored just as people do, so liven things up a bit.

7. Play dates: many dogs love playing with other dogs and will run around playing chase for ages. It's great exercise and great for socialisation – dogs are pack animals, most enjoy canine company. Look for a local park where others walk their dogs and you and your pet can make some new friends

8. Exercise for the brain & body: many dogs enjoy a mental as well as physical challenge. Why not have a go at agility classes or Flyball. They are a fantastic way to keep your best friend entertained, socialised and fit – and you get to socialise as well. They cater for all abilities so why not give it a go?

9. CaniX: (pronounced canicross!) is getting out with your best friend and doing what they

love best – running. You run attached to your dog by a harness and most dogs take to it very quickly because dogs love to run, and it taps into their natural instincts. Take a look at www.canix.co.uk to find out more

10. Annual check up: you don't have to do this by yourself. Your local vet will be delighted to help and keep helping. When your pet is the correct weight it will be happier and healthier which is every vet's ultimate goal

You may feel your pet loves you when you give them food, but they will love you even more if you give them quality time, attention and the health to be able to get out there and enjoy life. You benefit, they benefit it's a WIN WIN – happy New year!

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I have specialist training in Pilates for Osteoporosis & Level 4 Low Back Pain. More than 80% of the adult population suffers from low back pain at some point in their life. It is one of the most common reasons for people taking time off work. It may also impact upon their quality of life in other areas as well. Pilates is often recommended by medical practitioners to help alleviate low back pain.

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As well as group matwork classes and a special low back pain class, I also run private 1:1 Pilates sessions incorporating the Pilates reformer and other studio equipment. Pilates and Remedial Massage work really complement each other, the results can be astounding. It's so wonderful seeing how the combination of the two therapies can enrich and improve my clients' lives.

I currently run group mat classes at The Old Town Hall, High West Street on Mondays 630pm & 7:45pm; Tuesdays 10am & 6:30pm. All are welcome, for more details please contact Sharon on 07704 578535, Sharonlorimer@btinternet.com or visit www.sharonlorimerpilates.com



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The Garden Studios

New for the New Year at The Garden Studios Bridport

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Relax your body to help stress in your life; Stress whether due to emotional or

physical reasons is a major player in affecting your immune system and leaving you at risk of colds and flu. Yoga, meditation and relaxation sessions will assist with the mind body relationship. Our Hatha yoga classes are small groups and designed to assist your individual needs, in a warm comfortable space.

A new lunchtime session with Paul on Tuesday aims to relax, release and rejuvenate – 50 minutes of complete relaxation at 12noon.

Massage, aromatherapy and reflexology are also wonderful aides to our body maintenance, in the same way we service our cars we should take the same approach with our bodies, they require maintenance too. At your first session Julia will take a health history, and help you to plan the most appropriate treatments whether you need complete relaxation or attention to specific areas of tension or pain. Essential oils provide not just a wonderful aroma but



can be used to assist your health and well-being. The therapy room at the Garden Studio is designed to relax; warm and comfortable, soft lighting, heated massage couch and Julia's 25years of experience will provide you with the perfect environment to start your new year new you!

Stop Press – Julia and Paul have linked up with Furleigh Wine Estate for monthly Nordic Walks on their estate, check their website for more details or our face book page: Garden Studios Bridport. www.gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk. Call Paul or Julia for more information 01308 538112. juliagardenstudiosbridport@gmail.com

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There are various sessions to suit all abilities. The Health Hub is a class designed for rehabilitation or someone with a low to medium level of fitness. It focuses on the basics to get you back on track. The parents class is perfect for any parent wanting to workout, but doesn't have access to childcare. Luke Hayter Fitness offer an on-site crèche to look after your little ones, whilst you get your workout in.

Fitclub is the perfect class for someone wanting to get in shape, have a good workout and a laugh. This class is specifically designed to get you into the shape that you want. The next 8-week challenge is about to start, which always achieves the best results.

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Search for pensioner missing from Blandford home is stood down

A SEARCH for a pensioner who vanished from Blandford has been stood down.

Following two days of intensive search activity - involving hundreds of emergency service personnel, partner agencies and specialist volunteers - police have taken the difficult decision to stand-down active searches for 70-year-old Andrew Latcham.

Mr Latcham was last seen on CCTV leaving supported accommodation on Park Road, Blandford Forum at around 3:30am in the early hours of Saturday, December 30th. He was wearing dark trainers with white soles, tracksuit bottoms and a dark raincoat.

Since then, searches have focused around the River Stour and other waterways that Mr Latcham was familiar with as a kayaker, the Blandford Trailway and other footpaths, floodplains and open spaces in and around Blandford, and the routes and villages between Blandford and Hamworthy.

Inspector Darren Stanton explained: "For a complex search like this, we use specialist search advisors and make use of a wide array of resources; including the National Police Air Service helicopter, water-based search teams, off-road search vehicles and specially-trained teams on foot.

I am grateful for all the specialist volun-

teers who assisted the search and recognise the desire of the local community to help in any way.

"We have covered a lot of ground with this intensive search over the last two days. Unfortunately, we have now come to a point where we have exhausted this search option. With the significant rainfall and passage of time, it is sadly very unlikely we would find Andrew safe and well by continuing this approach.

We therefore have to take advice from specialists and consider the continued risk to others of searching in dangerous conditions. While some local and intelligence-led searches will continue, local people will not see the same level of visible activity.

"We will of course respond to any new information that comes to light and I would ask people to check their private outbuildings and gardens if they have not done so already. If anyone has seen someone matching Andrew's description since Saturday morning or knows anything else that could help, please let us know.

However, I would like to assure you that extensive searches have been carried out, including areas mentioned by the public on social media.

"We have updated Andrew's family about this decision and they are very grateful for



the efforts made by all the emergency services, partner agencies and volunteers so far. We will continue to support them during this upsetting time."

If anyone has new information, please call Dorset Police on 101 quoting incident 30:121.



Can anybody help the fishing net lady?

A WOMAN known as the fishing net lady in Moreton is making an appeal for help. Charlie Coward and her family live by the Ford there.

She leaves fishing nets in a box outside her home for children to use free of charge and also runs a doggy kiosk.

Charlie and her family now need to leave their house as its being sold.

But she has not been able to find anywhere else to go and time is now running out.

Charlie told Wessex FM: "We are looking for a three bedroom house and we've tried everything. It just keeps falling through at the last minute. So if we don't find anywhere to live in the next few days we are going to end up in emergency council accommodation which is fine, but its going to be a caravan in Swanage which is not what my kids need when they go to school in Puddletown."

"Due to us giving out for the last 4½ years to help people in Moreton, free of charge, we'd like somebody to come forward who owns a house or some land, I'm not proud. We would live in a barn if it was close to Puddletown."

Affordable housing pioneers showcase their work



Visiting the Community Land Trust developments

AFFORDABLE housing pioneers in Bridport, Lyme Regis and West Dorset threw open their doors for a celebration of ground breaking Community Land Trust projects.

More than 50 people attended the event which included visits to trailblazing Symene, Lyme Regis and Marshwood developments.

West Dorset is leading the way nationally with 10 active Community Land Trusts (CLT), which is among the highest number in any council district in the country.

CLTs are being progressed by communities with the support of councils to provide much-needed low-cost housing for local people.

The council's new Opening Doors

campaign - launched with North Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council - is encouraging more communities to start CLTs and take advantage of £2m of funding to support projects across their areas.

Delegates at the event - including councillors, community groups and CLT members - heard presentations at Bridport Leisure Centre before touring sites.

Paul Derrien, housing enabling team leader for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "CLTs are a valuable way of helping to meet significant local housing need."

"We have an impressive number already but we want to see more projects coming forward."

"The networking day went extremely well with the opportunity for people to share knowledge, compare experiences and exchange ideas."

There have been 62 affordable homes developed by CLTs in West Dorset, including Lyme Regis which is not yet finished.

Symene and Marshwood are already fully occupied and 15 more homes will be available when the Timberhill development at Lyme Regis is completed.

Ten-home Symene CLT was formed for the people of Symondsbury on the edge of Bridport.

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Lyme Regis Comedy Club moves to the Marine!

LYME Regis Comedy Club starts the new year on Saturday 20th January in its new home of The Marine Theatre, after moving from the Pilot Boat Inn. Local comedian Tom Glover continues to compere the monthly comedy club and welcomes headliner Angela Barnes along with comedians Jake Lambert and Matt Rees, giving the evening a whopping 4 comedian line-up!

If you haven't seen Angela Barnes before, then you're in for a real treat. Sarah Millican calls her 'brilliantly funny' whilst the Evening Standard reviewer hails her as "the best mainstream female comedian I've seen... I can't be any clearer than that can I?"

Angela Barnes has been catapulted onto every television and radio show worth speaking about, including Stand Up For The Week, BBC 2's Mock The Week, BBC Three's Russell Howard's Good News and Radio 4's The News Quiz.

Angela packs her set full of brilliantly crafted jokes bringing non stop laughs from start to finish.

Angela brings excellent support from Twitter sensation and Chortle favourite Jake Lambert (@littlelostlad). Jake now has a live set to rival his online output with witty stories filled with clever one liners, and snappy asides. Jake is ascending the comedy ladder, with recent tour support slots for both Seann Walsh and Rob Beckett.

Multi-award winning Welsh comedian Matt Rees has a unique brand of well-crafted gags and laconic delivery that have established him as a circuit favourite

since bursting onto the UK scene in 2011.

The rising star has won a whole host of awards including Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year, Welsh Unsigned Stand-Up Award, and the Chortle Best Newcomer award in 2012. Matt has supported Welsh comedy superstar Elis James on tour and also per-

formed as part of the prestigious Pleasance Reserve at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Tickets are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets £8 in advance / £10 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.

■ Headliner Angela Barnes



■ Compère Tom Glover

From the Beautiful to the Burlesque

Allington Strings New Year Concert – A Celebration of Baroque Music

ALLINGTON Strings New Year Concert will take place at the Sir John Colfox Academy at 3pm on Sunday, January 14th. Tickets £10 available from Bridport Music, Bridport Book Shop and on the door. Drinks and nibbles included. Children under 18 free.

The beautiful Bach Double Violin Concerto will be performed by soloists, Wendy Stahl local violin teacher and violinist in the highly acclaimed group Extreme Baroque and star pupil Zack Chantler.

Burlesque de Quixotte lightens the mood as Telemann interprets Cervantes crazy stories of the exploits of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Concerti Grossi by Handel and Corelli provide some more traditional baroque fare before Biber's Battalia tells the story of a battle with 'dissolute, revelling musketeers' with simulated musket fire provided by the stringed instruments!

Somewhere in amongst all this the Queen of Sheba arrives.

A tale of Arabian Nights at Story Café

BRIDPORT-BASED storyteller Martin Maudsley returns to the Bridport Arts Story Café on a flying carpet of stories from North Africa and the Middle East.

Enthused by trips to Morocco and Turkey and inspired by the rich folklore and storytelling traditions of Arab and Persian culture, Martin weaves together a colourful tapestry of tales from '1001 Nights' and beyond...

An intoxicating evening of sto-

ries from long ago and far away that speak strongly to the here and now, infused with the playful wisdom, earthy humour and vibrant imagery of Eastern imaginations.

Martin Maudsley brings 'Arabian Nights' to Bridport Arts Centre's Story Café on Friday, January 26th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 adults, £5 concessions, available by calling 01308 424 204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



■ Martin Maudsley

Phill Jupitus to perform at Bridport Arts Centre

JOIN stand-up comedian, poet, improviser, and TV stalwart Phill Jupitus for over an hour of tales, laughs and diversions, at Bridport Arts Centre.

Watch in delight and/or horror as this experienced funny man drags laughs out of the chaos of his own life and the uncertain world that surrounds it.

Phill Jupitus brings his one-man show to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 9th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15 available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

■ Phill Jupitus



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Saturday 6 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
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Sunday 7 January
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Thursday 11 January
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
This is the Kit 8pm. £16.

Friday 12 January
Arts Centre, Bridport
The Zoots: Sound of the Sixties 7.30pm. £16

Saturday 13 January
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Jazz Jurassic: Leigh Coleman and Matt Carter Trio Doors 6.30pm, supper 7-8pm, music 8pm. £22 including 2 course supper

Crown Inn, Bridport
Jackdaw 9.30pm. Free

Friday 19 January
Corn Exchange, Dorchester
Surfin' Birds: Fuelled by Cider 8pm. £11/£9

Saturday 20 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
Silver Bullet 9.30pm. Free

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, December 30 compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Depeche Mode
2. Bessie Smith
3. Marvin Gaye
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Your guide to local live music



Ma Bessie and her Blues Troupe



NATIONALLY acclaimed musicians celebrate the great blues singer Bessie Smith in a narrated music show at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 26th, and Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, January 27th.

Bessie Smith (1894 – 1937) was an American blues singer. Known as the Empress of the Blues, she was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s and is often regarded as one of the greatest singers of her era and was a major influence on other jazz singer. In this show, Bessie Smith (played by Julia Titus) and her band, perform alongside narration. It features authentic music from the era, including many of Bessie's songs.

This evening of music and story promises to be an absolute treat for all music lovers with Bessie's Blues troupe made up from internationally acclaimed drummer, Sam Kelly with Paul Jobson on keyboards, Tony Quanta on guitar, Richard Sadler on upright bass, with a special horn section.

The production chronicles her life from a one-room shack in Blue Goose Hollow, through to becoming the highest-paid black entertainer of that time, to the tragic accident on Route 61 in September 1937 which resulted in her untimely death aged 43 years.

A gem of an evening and not one to be missed - for further information and tickets please see www.marinetheatre.com, www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or Tourist Information Centres. Doors open at 7.30pm at both venues.

Tickets are £6 in advance and £8 on the door (if available) for the Lyme Regis show. Tickets are £15 and £13 for members for the Dorchester show. Booking fees may apply.

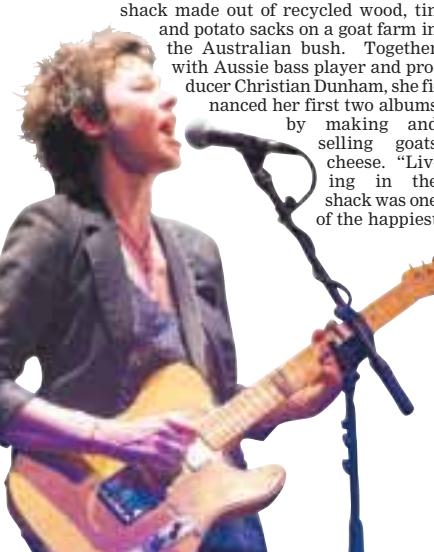
Acclaimed singer-songwriter Emily Maguire brings new tour to Dorchester

SINGER, songwriter, composer, poet and multi-instrumentalist, Emily Maguire is truly "a talent to be reckoned with" (RnR Magazine), her heartfelt, thought-provoking lyrics, emotive voice and spell-binding live performances winning her fans across the globe. With a remarkable story of recovery to tell, Emily has been interviewed many times on Radio 2 and Radio 4 including 'Midweek' with Libby Purves.

Classically trained as a child on piano, cello, flute and recorder, Emily taught herself guitar aged 21 when she found herself stuck at home with fibromyalgia pain syndrome. "I started writing songs and the illness suddenly became a complete blessing in disguise as I had all this time on my hands to write", she says.

Back on her feet again and fed up with grey skies and concrete, Emily gave up her flat in London for a

shack made out of recycled wood, tin and potato sacks on a goat farm in the Australian bush. Together with Aussie bass player and producer Christian Dunham, she financed her first two albums by making and selling goats cheese. "Living in the shack was one of the happiest



times of my life. And despite being a terrible cook, I was actually a very good cheesemaker", she says.

Emily and Christian returned from Australia in 2007 to tour with American legend Don McLean, playing all the major UK concert halls including the Royal Albert Hall. Her third album 'Believer', released in 2009, received regular airplay on Radio 2 and won rave reviews in the music press, Maverick Magazine hailing it "a masterpiece". Greenpeace used her song 'Woke Up' for their climate change campaign.

Emily hid her struggles with bipolar disorder until she published her first book 'Start Over Again'. Launched on Radio 2 on World Mental Health Day in 2010, it generated a huge response from listeners moved by Emily's openness and willingness to share her experiences of psychosis and depression.

In 2014 an intensive tour of Germany triggered chronic tennis elbow in Emily's arms, leaving her unable to play her instruments for 18 months. Devastated, she suffered a deep depression that lasted a year.

In 2017, recovered again, Emily released her hauntingly beautiful fifth album 'A Bit Of Blue' (produced by Nigel Butler) to critical acclaim in the music press. She published a collection of poetry, prose and song lyrics called 'Notes From The North Pole', and sang live on Radio 2, talking to Clare Balding about her music, mental health and Buddhist faith.

Together with Christian, Emily has been touring again and entrancing audiences wherever she goes. "I am just so happy to be out there again, performing", she says. "Music to me is all about uplifting, comforting and inspiring the people listening. That's all I want to do".

Emily has done many gigs in mental health hospitals and is a patron of the UK mental health charity Restore. She was invited to perform at the World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin in 2017 and will be touring Germany as well as the UK in 2018. Just back from recording in Australia for her sixth album, she says, "I can't wait to be touring again. I'm looking forward to playing some of the new songs that will be on my next album". Ticket links and more information can be found at www.emilymaguire.com.

Emily Maguire plays live at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 9th.

This Is The Kit live in Lyme

BBC 6Music favourites to play intimate Marine Theatre show

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis is kicking off 2018 in style with their hotly anticipated date with This Is The Kit on Thursday, January 11th, as part of the band's international tour in support of their latest album.

The playful indie folk band, led by Paris-based songwriter Kate Stables, has earned the adoration of peers including Guy Garvey, The National and Sharon van Etten. In the last year This is the Kit have performed live in session on BBC 6music and at festivals including Glastonbury.

Their new album is on Rough Trade records, home to The Strokes and Jarvis Cocker; 'Moonshine Freeze' is undoubtedly their best to date, and is produced by PJ Harvey's producer John Parish.

Sonically, 'Moonshine Freeze' is a beguiling mixture of great musical sophistication and something more guileless — children's games, incantations and snatches of nursery rhymes.

Support comes from Exeter's Tobias Ben Jacob, playing his own blend of alt-folk ~ his first show of the year. The 21st Century troubadour spinning tales of love, loss, beauty, and a unique form of soul cartography.

Tickets are selling like hot cakes, so please book in advance from www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £16.50 in advance and £18 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.



First Class Dance School

FIRST CLASS DANCE School was officially launched in September 2017 teaching at various venues in Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth. The school offers professional dance instruction for Children and Adults in Ballroom and Latin dances. These include the Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Tango, Rumba, Cha Cha Cha, Jive and Samba as seen on BBC's TV series Strictly Come Dancing.

Since the launch in September the response has been outstanding, with the school receiving a huge amount of interest with new students joining each week, as beginner's and dancers are taking up the opportunity to learn to dance, or to develop their existing dance skills.

The school is aptly named to provide First Class tuition. Teachers are qualified and continue their professional development to the highest standard with professional dance teaching qualifications under the ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) umbrella. We are also certified with enhanced DBS (CRB), First Aid and fully insured.

Children's Classes

The future is inevitably with young dancers entering the world of Ballroom & Latin dance, of which there is a huge surge of interest nationally, but lacking in West Dorset. To fulfil this need and to provide the opportunity for our children, the school is offering Children's Ballroom & Latin Dance classes in January 2018 - see the website www.ballroomlatindance.uk for details, timetable, fees and bookings for enrolment.

Adults Classes - for adults there are 5 routes that can be taken individually or combined, each using our unique "STEPS" program - Dance Classes, Private Lessons, Technique Workshops and ISTD Medals, all from Beginner's Steps to Gold level Steps.

Gift Vouchers are available, plus more information for enquiries, bookings and enrolment can be found on the school website www.ballroomlatindance.uk, or email firstclass4dance@gmail.com or telephone First Class Dance School of 07427 860403.



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This week's new releases

MOLLY'S GAME¹⁵

THE true story of Molly Bloom, an Olympic-class skier who ran the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game and became an FBI target. Stars: Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba, Kevin Costner. Genre: Biography / Drama.

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD¹⁵

THE story of the kidnapping of 16-year-old John Paul Getty III and the desperate attempt by his devoted mother to convince his billionaire grandmother Jean Paul Getty to pay the ransom. Stars: Michelle Williams, Christopher Plummer, Mark Wahlberg. Genre: Biography / Crime Drama.

HOSTILES¹⁵

IN 1892, a legendary Army captain reluctantly agrees to escort a Cheyenne chief and his family through dangerous territory. Stars: Scott Shepherd, Rosamund Pike, Ava Cooper. Genre: Biography / Drama.

BRAD'S STATUS¹⁵

A FATHER takes his son to tour colleges on the East Coast and meets up with an old friend who makes him feel inferior about his life's choices. Stars: Ben Stiller, Austin Abrams, Jenna Fischer. Genre: Comedy / Drama.

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BRIDPORT: Come and join our Community Coffee morning in St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington DT6 5DX, where fresh coffee and homemade cakes are served free of charge. Make some new friends and enjoy yourself. The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month between 10.45am & 11.45am

DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service retirement Fellowship meeting at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2rZ when Lucy Hooper will give a talk on The Dogs' Trust.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Celebrate Twelfth night with music by Tinker's Cuss Band and other local entertainment, at Bridport Town Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (members £6), to include seasonal food and drink. There will also be a raffle, with proceeds to Bridport Millennium Green. To book your ticket call 01308 425037 or 01308 423078.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs opens its 2018 series of dances with a band new to Bridport, "oxford nags", teamed with caller Gill Spence. expect a great evening of dance music as with any band containing Gareth Kiddier of english Contra Dance Band. 7.30 - 11.00pm in Church House (St Mary's Hall, South Street; Bring & Share (finger food) supper and your own tipple. no partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. entry £9 on the door, £8 if bought in advance from The Music Shop or online. Alternatively phone Monty on 01308 423 442 or email - see www.bridport-ceilidhs.wordpress.com for more information.

BRIDPORT: Swimming lessons for groups of up to 6 to 1 teacher. 10am - 4/5 year olds; 10.30 - 5/6 years; 11.30 - Beginners/Improvers; 12 noon - 3/4 years, at Highlands End Holiday Park, Eype. For more information please call Penny Yarnold 07970 879047.

SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Sequence Dance Club restarts at the Woodmead Halls at 7.45 for 8pm. Join us to enjoy your favourites and maybe learn a new dance too! Call Andrea on 01297 561083 or email andrea1918@btinternet.com for more details.

MONDAY JANUARY 8TH

BEAMINSTER: Film: 'Dunkirk' at Beaminster public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at yarn Barton 01308 862715 (weekdays 9.30-12.30 and Saturdays 9.30-1pm) or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, connect, relax! At Othona Community, Coast road. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. £10 per person. For more details call 01308 897130 or visit www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club re-opens after the festive break at 7.30 - 9.30pm in the WI Hall, north Street, for its weekly dose of dancing in a variety of genre as selected by the club caller - whether the more elegant playford through to more recent dance compositions and American styles. no partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. entry £3 for members (membership £3 per year) or £4 for visitors. Also on 15th and 22nd, plus 29th with live music and guest caller. Call Monty on 01308 423 442 for more information.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

CHARMOUTH: Ballroom and Latin plus Sequence Dance classes restart at The Village

Hall, Wesley Close. Classes: Bachata at 1pm; Intermediate Slow Foxtrot at 2pm; Intermediate Quickstep at 3pm and Popular Sequence at 4pm. Call Glenn on 07505 798258 or Andrea 01297 561083 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport. Sheila Meaney will be talking about 'People - Passchendaele - Peace' the end of WW1 and what the Bridport Heritage Forum plan for 2018. Members £1 and visitors £3, all welcome. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club - talk by Andrew Mills - "What Makes a Good Photograph? - a tour through photographic genres - historic and contemporary." 7.30pm. At Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details call 01308 281561.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing Disney classic 'Cinderella' at Age UK Dorchester. Lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits served for just £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH

WEYMOUTH: IT and Biscuits event at Weymouth Library. Free drop-in session for anyone who would like to find out how to download e-library books and magazines on their phones, tablets and e-readers. 10.30am-12noon.

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group will be meeting for a meal at the Walnut Grove in Durngate Street. For more details please contact Vernon Moffet (01305 259755)

FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast & Turn Lyme Green. 'Bee Aware'. Illustrated talk by Brigit Strawbridge. The fascinating and often hidden world of bees, the problems they all face, and what we can do to help them. A social gathering with wine, juice and nibbles (no charge to members) will follow the talk to bring further cheer to January. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10am, talk at 11am. Free for U3A & TLG members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

SATURDAY JANUARY 13TH

LODERS: West Dorset group of the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society meeting at Loders village hall, 2pm. Short AGM followed by a members show and tell session. Could be an object or photo. Example take a family group photo and think about the people, were they lucky, unlucky, successful, good, bad etc.. tell their story. Contact Jane if you wish to join in. Members £1.50 and visitors £3, all welcome, tea and biscuits. For more details call 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com

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SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH

BRIDPORT: Allington Strings New Year Concert at Sir John Colfox Academy at 3pm. Tickets £10 available from Bridport Music, Bridport Book Shop and on the door. Drinks and nibbles included. Children under 18 free.

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■ The Zoots

Award-winner Christine Tobin to perform PELT

IN DECEMBER 2012 Christine Tobin won a BASCA British Composers Award for her spellbinding settings of poems by WB Yeats, 'Sailing to Byzantium'. The award included a PRSF commission to write new music. Tobin's latest album 'PELT' is the result of this commission. 'PELT' is Christine's settings of poems and lyrics by contemporary Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Paul Muldoon.

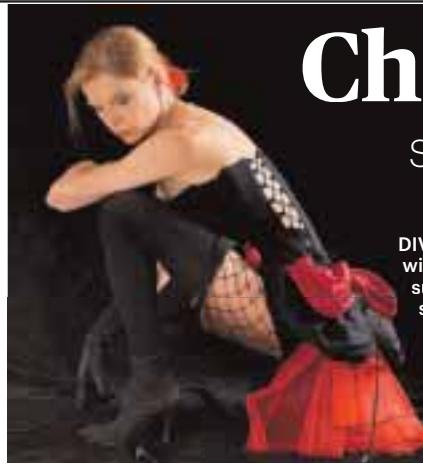
Although a continuation of Tobin's alchemy with fine words and music and her exploration of the chemistry between the two, 'PELT' marks a new direction and a new musical soundscape. 'PELT' is both daring and dreamlike, passionate and playful. In a four-star review the Irish Times wrote, "Pelt strikes that most elusive of balances between familiarity and strangeness, by turns recalling Tom Waits, Kate Bush and Joni Mitchell, without being beholden to any particular genre or influence... music that veers from grungy, post-industrial grooves to wispy romanticism to abstracted contemporary classical, all played with punkish attitude."

Tobin leads her virtuosic musicians across a kaleidoscopic panorama, sometimes as junkyard blues philosopher, or snappy beat seductress, sometimes as a conduit for exquisite zen-like harmonies, or reflective Americana. The result is a rich and engaging collection with Tobin's trademark originality. The seed of the idea for setting Paul Muldoon's poems came when the pair were invited to collaborate and perform a piece at the Kilkenny Arts Festival back in 2011. Christine had long admired Muldoon's work and he was greatly impressed by her settings of WB Yeats. The texts chosen for the PELT collection are a mix of his poems and lyrics.

Christine Tobin performs PELT at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, January 25th at 7.30pm.



■ Christine Tobin



Charlie Sings Jazz

Sultry songstress Charlie Bicknell heads to Bridport Arts Centre in January

DIVA, temptress and vocal sensation Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with. She has worked with singers such as Marie Wilson and Earl Okin, and sung at major London jazz venues including Ronnie Scotts, an accolade she shares with Philip Clouts who will be accompanying her at the piano.

Internationally she has performed at venues in Australia, Hong Kong, Copenhagen and Dubai; but nowhere as cosmopolitan as the heady heights of Bridport, England! Expect a smoking selection of jazz favourites.

Charlie Bicknell performs at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, January 19th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

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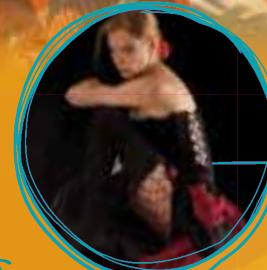
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOUSING MARKET IN 2018

By Ella Walker, Press Association



What will the 2018 housing market bring for buyers and sellers?

The housing market has been sending out some mixed messages recently - on the one hand there's talk of consumers being reluctant to make big decisions amid wider economic uncertainty and a squeeze on their living costs, but on the other hand, house prices have continued to climb in many areas, with reports of a lack of properties to choose from in popular locations.

So what's in store for 2018? Here's a look at what the market could bring for house prices, mortgages and first-time buyers.

What will happen to house prices in 2018?

In general, predictions have ranged from house prices being flat across the UK to edging up by a few percentage points by this time next year. Economists believe the squeeze on incomes from inflation will limit what buyers are willing to pay.

Robert Gardner, chief economist at Nationwide Building Society, says: *"How the housing market performs in 2018 will be determined in large part by developments in the wider economy. Brexit developments will remain important, but hard to foresee."*

Does that mean house price growth is expected to be subdued across the whole of the UK?

This year has seen big differences between areas of the UK in how the housing market has performed. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics) has said pricing in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and north-west England has been resilient compared with some other places.

While London has seen a cooldown, some other major cities, where housing affordability is less stretched, have been putting in a relatively strong performance.

Richard Donnell, insight director at property analysts Hometrack, says: "The likes of Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow have seen market activity increase and this has delivered above-average price growth of 6.8% for the last 12 months."

Will buyers have more opportunities to

bag a bargain?

When it comes to sealing a deal, more house sales are now going through at less than the original price sellers had wanted, according to estate agents. For some buyers, they may find there's more room for negotiation, depending on what the local housing market is like at the time.

But the supply of properties on the market is still tight in many places, so sellers in these areas may feel more confident in holding firm on price.

Across the UK, 85% of properties sold for less than the asking price in November, according to NAEA (National Association of Estate Agents) Propertymark - the highest proportion since its records started in 2013. One in eight (12%) properties sold for the asking price and 3% sold above the asking price.

What about mortgage deals?

Despite the Bank of England hiking the base rate from 0.25% to 0.5% in November, in general, the mortgage rates on offer are still "extremely low", says David Hollingworth from broker London & Country Mortgages.

He says some rates on the fixed-rate mortgage deals on offer had started to edge up even before the base rate increase, with rates creeping up further across the mortgage market generally after November.

Home owners sitting on their lender's standard variable rate (SVR), which happens after a particular mortgage deal comes to an end, may want to consider whether they can get a better deal, he says, adding that many lenders announced rate increases to their SVRs in line with the base rate hike.

Hollingworth says some mortgage borrowers will be receiving their annual statements in January, which can help them to take stock of whether they should make switching mortgage their New Year's resolution or whether they are already on a good deal.

How about first-time buyers?

Hollingworth says there are still plenty of mortgage options available for people with lower deposits.

Those who have slightly less than a 10% deposit may find quite a "substantial advantage" in being able to access a better mortgage rate if they can scrape together more cash to push themselves into the 10% deposit bracket, he says.

In some good news for first-time buyers, Home-track predicts this sector will make up the largest group of buyers in 2018.

Donnell says: *"We expect first time buyers to be the largest group of buyers in 2018 accounting for over one in every three sales (35%) and overtaking existing home owners (34%) as new purchases by investors fall in the wake of tax changes."*

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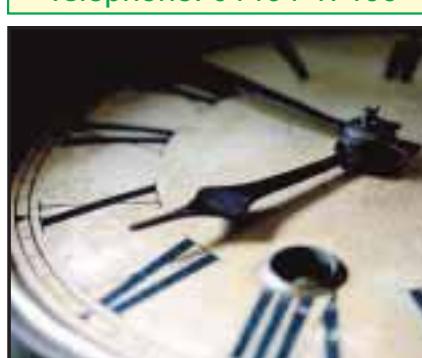
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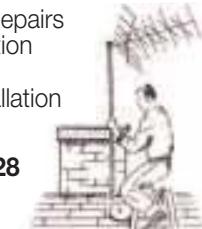
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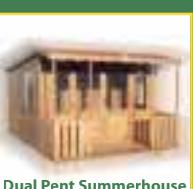
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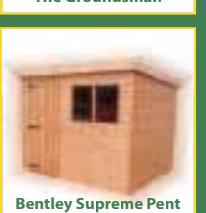
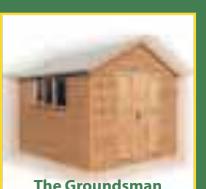
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The eight-speed auto replaces the previous six-speed unit and is offered in four of the seven Sorento models. It is standard with 'GT-Line' and 'GT-Line S' and optional with 'KX-2' and 'KX-3' versions.

As a result of the increased number of ratios, economy with the new auto gearbox improves to 43.5mpg compared with the previous automatic, while CO₂ emissions are cut from 174g/km to 170. The eight-speed gearbox was designed and engineered in-house by Kia's R&D team in Korea and offers up to five different shift and throttle programmes, accessed through the Sorento's electronic Drive Mode Select. Drivers can leave the car to shift for itself, or change gears with steering wheel-mounted paddles in 'GT-Line' and 'GT-Line S'.

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DORCHESTER Town battled back from two goals down just after the hour to claim a deserved share of the spoils at the Bob Lucas Stadium on Boxing Day.

Despite heavy rain and strong winds both sides produced some exciting football in this Ridgeway Derby which saw the Magpies

halt the Terras recent five game unbeaten home run without conceding a goal.

Playing with the elements in the first half, Dorchester found themselves a goal down at the interval despite having had the better of the play.

Both sides had early chances but, with Dorchester starting to dominate play, Sam Lanahan wasted the best opportunity by

firing over from 12 yards after 20 minutes.

Weymouth began to find their feet and took the lead in the 39th minute when Charlie Davis scored with an excellent 25-yard drive inside the left hand post to give the hosts a slightly undeserved halftime advantage.

The second half started with Gary Bowles shooting straight at keeper Mark Travers, before Abdulai Baggie forced Magpies keeper into a good save.

The Terras doubled their advantage just after the hour when leading scorer Brandon Goodship fired home with the help of a big deflection.

However, the Magpies responded magnificently and Kyle Egan finished a move he started by being on hand to fire home from close range to reduce the margin with 20 minutes left.

Seven minutes later it was all square. Skipper Callum Buckley and Travers got in a muddle trying to clear a cross allowing Lanahan to equalise.

Neither side could find a winner in the final minutes with Dorchester claiming a moral victory.



■ ALL SQUARE: Antonio Diaz (left) congratulates Sam Lanahan as he celebrates his equaliser.

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■ 1-0: Charlie Davis celebrates his opener for Weymouth chased by Calvin Brookes.

Photo by MARK PROBIN

Thompson: Draw least we deserved

DORCHESTER Town manager Steve Thompson felt that a draw was the least his side deserved after they came from 2-0 down just after the hour to claim a point in the Ridgeway derby on Boxing Day.

He told *View Sport*: "I felt we dominated the first half an hour but unfortunately didn't turn that advantage into goals. We had a strong wind behind us and when we conceded and went in 1-0 down against the run of play you fear the worse a little bit, but to be fair we came out quite well in the second half and although they got a second we always looked a threat and showed a lot of character."

"Not only being 2-0 down away from home but also against quite a strong wind as well, we showed a lot of character to come back after the second goal to get two goals to get a draw, which was the least we deserved really."

Although Thompson is pleased with their current form and the team is progressing they still lack experience to be consistent, and believes there is still work to be done

"The Bishop Stortford game was a bit of a blip, which you get from time to time. However I'm really pleased with the last four games; we've played very well in three of them, winning two and drawing one, and when we didn't play well we got beaten. However I don't think we are at the stage, thinking about where we were that it's just going to come every game at the moment."

"That consistency takes time and players are also developing. If you look at the team against Weymouth; you've got Antonio Diaz who's 18, Kyle Egan and Callum Rose, both 19; so it takes a while to get that consistency as a player, but like I said I've been pleased with the last four games, and we've scored a lot of goals."

Having gone two goals down despite being on top, the Magpies dug in and showed the character that Thompson's leadership has instilled in them, and turned the game around.

Whilst the defence was once again strong, having only conceded once in their previous three games against one of the most formidable front

lines in the league, the former Yeovil Town boss was quick to praise whole team.

"Yes credit must be given across the team. The whole team played well up at Bishop's Stortford when we lost 1-0, but we never got our attacking game going there. I'm sure if we had got that going anything like the other games we would have won that game, although we have to give the opposition credit for doing a good job on us."

"Defensively we've done well in the last four games, only conceding three goals so hopefully that can continue, because that probably has been our biggest problem."

Thompson admitted that the return of captain Gary Bowles after his three-match suspension was in doubt right up to the kick-off with a groin injury.

"It was important that he played with Ross Carmichael unavailable. He was by no means certain to play, it was touch and go, but he went out and put his body on the line and appears to have come through it okay. It's a little bit sore but hopefully there will be no reaction to that."

Asked about the superb comeback he added: "They responded very well, and sometimes there's not a lot a manager can do at 2-0. We were forced into two substitutions after we got back to 2-1 with Luke Winsper and then Ed Baswick both getting injured, who were both playing well. Whilst it looks like neither are too serious they certainly weren't right to continue."

"But we kept going and got the draw which is the least I think we deserved if not the win as I think we edged the game in terms of possession and maybe chances."

The Magpies boss was also full of praise for the state of the Bob Lucas pitch.

"It was fantastic, and was a credit to the groundsman after all the rain on Monday night. It played very well but obviously the wind was a factor."

"When you think to go to Weymouth who have kept five clean sheets on the spin at home, against a team full of confidence, to come back from 2-0 down was a great result."

Maitland: Basic errors cost us

WEYMOUTH assistant manager Paul Maitland was disappointed that the Terras surrendered a two goal advantage over Dorchester Town.

"We're disappointed that having gone two nil up that we didn't see the game out."

"We've been very good defensively at home and the manner in which we gave the goals away was what disappointed us more than anything."

"Credit to Dorchester however, they never gave up, kept going and probably on the balance of play deservedly got something out of the game."

Before the game I didn't really anticipate it would be much of a spectacle and the conditions certainly made it difficult.

"It wasn't easy but I thought Dorchester settled better than we did probably because they had the conditions in their favour to start with, but once we got going we created several good chances; Chris Weale had to make a couple of good saves and there was a goal line clearance, we could have gone in at half time more than one goal up but we could also have gone in 2-1 down."

"I thought we started the second half better, had a bit more control over the early exchanges of the second half and when we went 2-0 up we stopped and became too casual."

"We needed to knuckle down at that point but didn't and then made two basic errors and gave away goals you see in kids football and not senior football, and that was the disappointing thing."

"Both were avoidable and we have to learn from that; we were lucky it didn't cost us three points."

However, there were some positives for the Terras management to take from the game.

"At the end of the day we were unbeaten in another game and only let in two goals in our last six home games and are still right in the mix (for promotion), and the other results on the day weren't completely horrendous for us, and hasn't cost us too much."

Maitland was disappointed that the team

hadn't been able to carry on the form they showed against Redditch United three days earlier when they were easy 5-0 victors.

"What probably was frustrating for the supporters was how good we were on Saturday; we were absolutely scintillating for the last half hour and the game was an absolute pleasure."

"We really got into a groove and gave them no opportunity and played some lovely football. They had a very strategic game plan to try and contain us but I would have backed us against anyone in the league playing like that, and shows we are continuing to improve."

"Against Dorchester we didn't get anywhere near those heights; but we will become more consistent in our performances."

However Steve Thompson clearly deserves a lot of credit for turning them around because they were a much better outfit and better idea of what they are doing than when we played them in August, and he's really made a mark on them so he deserves an awful lot of credit for that."

Maitland, like Thompson, praised the groundsman and his team for the wonderful playing surface, and also commended referee James Richardson and his assistants for their excellent handling of the game, taking account of the conditions and excellent decision making, only booking one player from each side; as well as congratulating both sets of players for playing the game in a great spirit.

He concluded: "I know our fans would have gone away disappointed, and some were expecting an easy victory, but derbies are rarely the greatest of games and the two this season for different reasons have proved that."

"Whilst it had a lot of incident and excitement, had the rain and wind stopped before kick-off we would have seen a very good game of football."

"We are disappointed not to have got three points, we have to improve and make sure that with a two goal lead we see the game through, but that point might be invaluable come the end of the season."

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Terras cruise to victory

Gosport Borough 0 Weymouth 4
Evostik South Premier – att: 418

WEYMOUTH began 2018 with a comprehensive victory over bottom side Gosport Borough to enhance their assault on the Evo-Stik South Premier League title or at least a play-off spot.

As perhaps expected against a side that are stranded at the bottom with just two victories to their name this season, Weymouth dominated the match from start to finish with Terras keeper Mark Travers not called to make a save of any real note all afternoon.

However, it was by no means certain that the game would go ahead when, with Gosport unable to find a referee to make an early pitch inspection, Weymouth arrived at The Aerial Direct Stadium to find several puddles on the pitch from earlier heavy rain.

Only some vigorous forked and brushing, mainly from Weymouth's management team including Mark Molesley,

convinced the referee that the pitch was playable.

With Gosport defending resolutely from the start, Weymouth found it difficult to penetrate the hosts who quickly got 11 players back behind the ball, and when they did get efforts in on goal Borough's keeper Tom Price was in good form, including a bizarre headed clearance on the cusp of half time when Calum Buckley's 30-yard effort picked up velocity and struck Price on the head before he had time to react.

But within a minute the Terras got the breakthrough when Brandon Goodship worked an angle for himself on the edge of the box before firing past Price.

More of the same followed in the second half, and on 56 minutes, Weymouth and Goodship doubled the lead following good play from Josh Wakefield who cleverly worked his way to the byline before pulling the ball back to the league's leading goalscorer for an easy finish and his

19th goal of the season.

As Gosport tried to pull themselves back in the game, Weymouth struck again midway through the half, Ben Thomson rolling his marker before firing home from the edge of the box.

Substitute Abdulai Baggie completed the scoring five minutes from time when a clever move finished with him thumping a shot across Price and in off the far post.

Weymouth who started the game with three at the back, used all their substitutes, adjusting the formation to suit, in order to give them minutes, including Jordan Ngalo who impressed in his 20 minute cameo.

Assistant manager Paul Maitland told *View Sport*: "Gosport battled hard throughout, especially in the first half, but I don't think anyone would argue 4-0 was a flattering result, it could have been several more. A fairly comfortable win, with no fresh injuries or bookings."

Portland United 0 Bashley 2

Wessex Premier – att: 163

PORTLAND United surrendered their six game unbeaten run at Grove Corner on Saturday where visitors Bashley adapted themselves better to the strong wind that blew down the pitch.

Making good use of the elements, Bashley built a two goal interval lead and, despite a better second half showing, the Blues didn't really pick up their game until the final 20 minutes when, but for some fine saves from Mike Edgar, and the woodwork, they might have salvaged another draw.

The visitors took the lead after 16 minutes after Sean Lillington had been forced to palm Conor Whiteley's effort over the bar.

But from the flag kick Shaun Bessant pushed Sam Jackson and Lewis Ross fired the spot kick hard and high past the

keeper.

Portland responded immediately but Alex Godfrey's neat volley was foiled by Edgar who palmed his effort over the bar.

Bashley doubled their lead just before the half hour when Harrison White fired a daisy cutter just inside the left upright.

With the wind behind them after the break, Ryan McKechnie had Edgar sprawling at his left hand post to save early on, but the Blues failed to take advantage whilst Bashley made several forays forward.

Late chances

Finally, Portland picked up the pace. Ash Smith grazed a post and Tom Bearish fired just wide.

Two more efforts from Godfrey and two clearances off the line from corners followed, before Lee Sharpe struck the bar in added time.

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